

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action the claims were rejected on formal grounds as a result of the use of confusing terminology. By this response, the claims have been amended to clarify their meaning and to maintain their close relationship with the corresponding claims of the Japanese application.

For these various reasons it is believed that the application is now in good form, wherefore the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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